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Our Cover Picture

Lutheran World Relief and the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee, Inc., came to the assistance of the various hospitals in Berlin recently by sending $10,000 worth of medical supplies. It was the largest single shipment of medical supplies ever to come into Berlin and was shipped through CRALOG. The 12 boxes received were divided between the Hubertus hospital and the Martin Luther hospital. Here workmen at Hubertus hospital unload some of the boxes.

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The Editor's Personal Paragraphs . . .

The need for LWA

s just as pressing today as it was in he first post-war years. Indeed the ituation is even more tense today. he first emotional surge of compas- ion is dying down in America. We re discovering that the rehabilita- on of war-torn nations and particu- arly the encouragement of the hristian churches in these nations, a slow process. If we become tired f giving, let us realize more clearly ow tired the people of these na- ons must be of the tragic condi- ons under which they live. They ooked to us for help. We gave it to hem with real generosity. To slow own our giving now is likely to efeat all that we have done so far. he job must be completed. And we an well afford to be generous. No eople on earth live so well and ave so many luxuries available to hose of moderate income. Of whom uch is given much is expected.

His Infinite Riches

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.
To added affliction, He addeth His mercy.
To multiplied trials, His multiplied Peace.
When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving has only begun.
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again. —Annie J. Flint

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An Essay Contest

was held in Eastern Conference of the New York Synod on the subject "Why I want Christian higher education." The contest was sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Schodack, N.Y. Those eligible to compete were high school seniors or graduates, members of any of the churches of the conference, who planned to enter a ULCA college next fall. The Brotherhood offered a prize of $100. That sounds like a mighty good project and suggests that the East Schodack Brotherhood is on its toes! The pastor, Rev. Thoedore W. Jentsch, can well be proud of his men.

"At times, m wife tries to be an angel."

"When she wants something, eh?"

"No—when she's driving the car."

—Watchman-Examiner

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"Do you have any old camping equipment around the house?" The weekly bulletin of St. John's Lutheran Church, Zanesville, Ohio, carries that question. "Our Boy Scouts can use that tent, axe, hatchet, cooking kit, compass, field glass or lantern that you have about the house collecting dust." The vigorous pastor, Rev. Louis H. Valbracht, was a World War II chaplain of the Marines and participated in some of the bloodiest island landings of the Pacific area. To him the Boy Scout program is not an accessory but an integral part of a parish program. His effort to find equipment for his troop may be suggestive to other pastors and scoutmasters. Might authorize an investigating committee to go through the attics and woodsheds of the congregation!

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Stones and sticks are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees.—Saadi

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President Lindow of West Virginia Brotherhood is sending out a periodic news letter. The last letter announces a laymen's retreat held in connection with the synodical convention at Jackson's Mill, October 21 and 22. Zeb Trexler will be there to lead in the program.

The little doughnut said to the big pompous layer cake, "If I had your dough I wouldn't be hanging around this hole!"—Biblical Recorder

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The Brotherhoods of the ELC have undertaken many interesting projects which run in variety from assisting in evangelism survey and visitation work to doing what the men of Emmanuel Brotherhood of Beresford, S. Dak., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the Rev. Virgil F. Berjke, pastor, have done.

The men of Emmanuel made the lighting fixtures for their new church. Albert Bachman and Chester Bryant did the designing and supervised the work, practically all of which was done in the Bachman Machine Shop. Mr. Bachman donated the materials for the job. The twenty-four large fixtures and extra lanterns represent some two thousand dollars in materials and workmanship. It would be interesting if a list could be compiled showing all the different types of service rendered the home church by the Brotherhoods. Not every Brotherhood could boast workmen competent to build lighting fixtures. Each Brotherhood has men of some special skills that could be consecrated to their church

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Dad and his small daughter were standing in front of a lion's cage at the park zoo. He was explaining how strong and fierce lions are. His young hopeful took it all in, and, then said: "Daddy, if it got out of its cage and ate you up, what bus should I take to get home?"—Lookout

"Faith Boosters Bulletin" is the name of a mimeographed news sheet published by the men of Faith Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Arthur M. Neumann, pastor. The membership was 48 strong this spring, but bound to grow. A recent speaker on the subject "The Church in the World" was Mr. John W. Mueller, prominent lawyer and teacher of a Sunday school class of over 100 men.

An elderly lady was browsing around a bookshop. The young man who was clerking walked over to assist her. Reaching up on the shelf, he pulled down a book at random, which turned out to be James Arnold's Kentucky Cardinal. He opened it and showed it to her saying, "Maybe you would like this."

"No" she replied, "I'm not interested in religious matter."

"This," he said, "was a bird."

"Well," she said, "I don't care anything about his private life, either!"

—Christian Observer

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DP PROFESSIONS SERVE IN AMERICA

This DP is named Herbert Rebassoo, an Esthonian. He came to work as a janitor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. It was discovered that he was a professor of mathematics. Now he is on the faculty. LWA makes possible our resettlement service and spells opportunity for thousands like Herbert. Without our help they are doomed to the degradation of a life of miserable refugees in a country unable to support its own people.

Bishop Ordass

must not be forgotten. His imprisonment on trumped up charges of financial irregularities will always be a stain on the communist government in Hungary. There are Lutheran pastors in Hungary who are willing to play along with the government. One of them, by name Dezsery, has been named to succeed Ordass. The acting bishop who has carried on the duties of the imprisoned bishop, is also in jail. Other officials are scheduled for a purge. It is a tragic story. A "Lutheran" has also been appointed Minister of Religion and Education. Josef Darvas was not an avowed church member till after World War II when he suddenly discovered he could play his role as a communist party member better by joining the church. Now as a cabinet member he is in position to do his part in conforming the Lutheran church to the purposes of communism. Lutherans are taught to keep the faith under any form of government. However it seems that martyrdom is the only alternative under the totalitarian rule of the Russian form of communism. Let us continue to pray for Bishop Ordass and the faithful Lutherans back of the iron curtain.

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Blessed are they who die for God
And earn the martyr's crown of light;
Yet he who lives for God may be
A greater conqueror in his sight.
—Adelaide Proctor,
in The Baptist Standard

Each year

the arrival of the printed minutes o
the North Carolina Synod Brother
hood calls for editorial commen
This is not only because it is a 6
page booklet as carefully prepare
as the minutes of a synod, but be
cause it carries a record of accom
plishment showing how the Brothe
hood can become the strong righ
arm of a synod. The loan fund ha
grown to a very substantial propo
tions and continues to grow. It ha
made it possible for missions to sta
right, with buildings and equipmen
that they would otherwise wa
years to secure. The program of thes
Old North State Lutherans is bi
enough to look worth while to bus
ness and professional men of th
highest quality. Such men do no
want to play around with children
projects. My observation has bee
that their congregational Brothe
hoods are deeply interested in topi
discussions. Probably there are n
laymen anywhere in the church be
ter informed as to their church, i
history and doctrines. I also see bac
of this record of achievement th
unrecorded services of these layme
in their own congregations. The
pastors have learned that time an
talent and effort given to the sy
odical Brotherhood work has fitte
and inspired them to more effectiv
service in their home churche
More power to the Lutheran men
North Carolina. May their tribe i
crease!

L. W. A. Helps Germans To Help Themselves!

Wherever possible elief is given through W.A. so that it gives ork to the needy. It better to ship leath-, thread and nails an to send finished oes. Here is a good ample of the princi-e applied to cotton. rain is shipped rather an flour, paper stock ther than paper or ished printing, raw oducts rather than anufactured goods. our L.W.A. gifts are ultiplied in effective-ss by wise handling.

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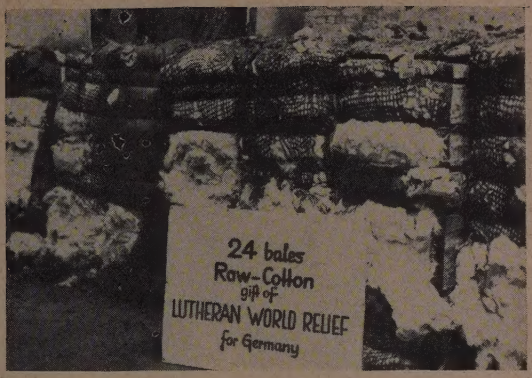

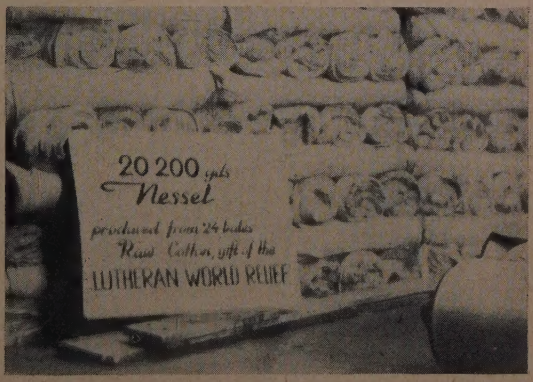

NEWS AND VIEWS

"The Two Kingdoms", LWA Film Ready for Release

by Eric W. Modean

"The Two Kingdoms," a sound film dealing with the problems of refugees in Germany, has been produced by the National Lutheran Council for use in its 1950 Lutheran World Action appeal to raise $3,200,000 for church relief and reconstruction in Europe and Asia.

The new picture, the sixth to be used for promotion of LWA appeals, will be released this month through 22 distribution centers in the United States and Canada, for showing in the 10,000 congregations participating in the Council.

"Answer for Anne," the 1949 LWA film, was widely acclaimed by film critics in both the religious and secular field and was awarded the title, "Best Religious Film," out of 13 entries in the Cleveland, Ohio, Film Festival.

"The Two Kingdoms" tells the story of the Koerners, a refugee family from Silesia, who face the usual problems of refugees—unemployment, crowded living conditions, inadequate clothing, a monotonous diet and spiritual uncertainty. For Mr. Koerner there is the additional problem of being unable to forget the position he once held as a Nazi official; for his services to the state, he was awarded a gold watch which is his one prized possession.

Fred Hoffman, a Lutheran relief worker from the United States, meets the Koerners and with the aid of a pastor, also a refugee, interests Mrs. Koerner and young Willi to participate in church activities. Mr. Koerner and the daughter, Erika, are more difficult to reach. Fred finally despairs of changing their attitude and decides to return to the U.S. when his year's work is over. A crisis in the Koerner family results in a new outlook for both Mr. Koerner and Fred.

Allen Sloane, who wrote the script for "The Two Kingdoms" explains his plan for the story in these words:

In "The Two Kingdoms" I have tried to illustrate in cinematic parable the paradox, for our time, in the phrase "innocent bystander." Historically speaking, one who on the road to Gethsemane refused to Christ sympathy and compassion saying, "It is no concern of mine; it is the law, it is the State," shares the burden of guilt with His betrayer and even His executioners. It is my belief, too, that unless **men** revive in their souls compassion and sympathy, **Man** will find himself trudging another road to an inevitable Gethsemane. There are no innocent bystanders in a world where it is all road, no sidewalk to stand on for watching; road and sidewalk alike

will disintegrate in the final atomic dust.

So, then, I have tried to show how Fred Hoffman grows in understanding from a youth who realizes at first only the guilt of the Koerners, to a man who knows that he himself cannot evade the charge he has laid on the ex-Nazi. Koerner was evil in that he suffered evil to be done without raising hand or voice against it; Fred did wrong in trying to evade doing right, that is, shouldering the responsibility—for **somebody** must—for alleviating the sorrow, hunger and soul-poverty of Germany today.

But Germany is only the locale of my story, not its exclusive scene. The same evils—hate, prejudice, fear, subservience to State, right or wrong, exist everywhere and must be opposed everywhere by those who bear the name of Christian, else they forfeit it. It is not enough in this world to say, "The others did the wrong, I was an innocent bystander." We share in the wrong unless we try to prevent its being done, or, it being done, to alleviate its results and rescue its victims, yes, even some of its committers. I have tried to show also that nobody has a monopoly on righteousness, that power does not inevitably make for justice, that the ultimate goal of men and nations should not be mastery, but brotherhood. I suppose, as usual, all this distills down to that little phrase, "Do unto others . . ."

For there are no innocent bystanders. The sufferings and the wrongdoings of men are the sorrows and evils of—man. All of us being brothers, each will be judged as severely by what he left undone for his brother — whoever — whatever — as by what he did do.

Most of the scenes were filmed at the Hempstead, L.I., studios of Caravel Films of New York, which produced this picture and four previous LWA films, "Answer for Anne," "March of Faith," "The Good Fight" and "Mission of Mercy." Outdoor scenes were shot at the Eastern Military Academy in Cold Spring Harbor, L.I., and at the Hempstead city hall.

Children from the Hempstead public school were used as extras in a scene showing distribution of relief gifts to needy youngsters. To make the chapel scene authentic, properties were loaned by several Lutheran churches, and German-speaking parishioners from Epiphany Lutheran Church in Hempstead and Oceanside Lutheran Church in Oceanside were recruited to take part in hymn-singing.

The picture runs 62 minutes.

To sponsor this picture would be a good Brotherhood project.

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There Never Seems To Be An End

Pastor Yaeger is Lutheran World Relief Commissioner with CRALOG in the British Zone of Germany.

It was a busy time at the Friedland transit camp in the southeast corner of the British Zone of Germany, some 12 kilometers from the Russian bor-

der. The day before a transport of 250 ex-POW's and 30 women arrived from Russia. After undergoing physical examination and processing at this reception center the repatriates would begin their final journey to relatives, recuperation homes or shelters for the homeless.

This was not a usual homecoming. The joy these men and women might have felt was still buried under bitter experiences of long years in Russian confinement. This group of repatriates was no different from hundreds of others that have come from the East. There was always an air of depressing monotony when the transports rolled into the camp.

In spite of this you keep hoping that the groups will get smaller, perhaps disappear altogether. Off and on for nearly two and a half years I have witnessed these tragic homecomings and I keep thinking—surely there must be an end one day.

I sat on the edge of one bunk talking to a few ex-POW's huddled about a stove. They were eating a nourishing stew out of tin cans. Now and then a faint smile passed over their faces as they picked out a piece of meat—a taste they had long ago forgotten. They came from different parts of Russia, from coal mines in the Ural, a building project outside Leningrad, a copper mine in Siberia. They were shy and bewildered as if trying to comprehend their newly found freedom.

Doctors explain that it takes about three weeks before most of the men assume a normal attitude toward life. A few are never able to overcor the effects of their confinement ar inhuman treatment. The German r lief agencies are making heroic e forts in trying to help these repat ates. They provide food, small co forts, such as reading rooms ar spiritual ministry, but most impo ant of all they seek to provide de perately needed clothing.

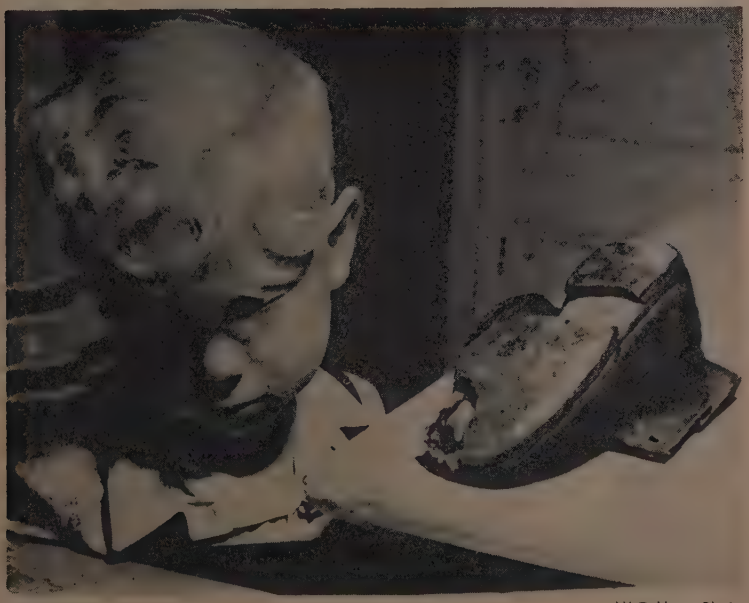
At the clothing distribution ba rack I received the same old answ to my question regarding the clot ing situation. "We never hav enough men's clothing." In a litt room I saw a small pile of clothir from an LWR shipment. Neark stood a somewhat embarrassed e POW. His home was in Hamburg which he hoped to go as soon as h had something decent to wear. Th man, Johann S.— arrived in Frie land the day before wearing thi worn trousers, a patched-up shi no underwear and an old overco that looked like burlap sacking. H shoes were made of wood and ca vas.

Some people might say this is a exceptional case. But Johann's pligh is typical. Thousands upon thou ands have returned to the West i no better condition. When one re members that the war ended 4½ years ago it is hard to believe tha 340,000 ex-POW's arrived in th western zones during the year 194 During the first 10 days of Januar 1950, 30,000 ex-POW's reached re ception centers in the three weste zones, 11,000 passing through Frie land alone. Conservative estimate

place the POW's still in Russia or Russian-dominated countries at 460,000, although many of these are assumed to be missing. The end, you see, is not yet in sight.

"The clothing problem is our biggest worry," said the camp director. "Recently we had to issue women's underwear to a few ex-POW's as we had no men's underclothing on hand. Because we never receive enough men's clothing we are forced to divide up the occasional shipment so as to outfit 15 to 20 of the most urgent cases each day. If we gave everything out at once we might be without clothing for weeks. A little each day helps us to keep up a semblance of morale."

If you good people at home could only see the long line of ragged ex-POW's. They are the lonely, forgotten legions struggling against overwhelming odds to find a way out of the awful void of captivity. If you knew their plight you would understand the tremendous uplift of a cast off garment, offered in brotherly love, in rallying the last reserves of their faith in God and man. Friedland transit camp is only the first step in the long road back to a life of



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ANY OLD SHOES?

A worn-out shoe saddens this European refugee youngster for he knows his parents cannot buy him a new pair and the only way he will get them is from a relief agency, such as Lutheran Word Relief. During Lent, LWR made a nationwide collection of used shoes, clothing and bedding for needy persons overseas. The need for sharing with the innocent victims of the war is still with us. Give through LWA.

Christian dignity and decency. But for most men it is the crucial step. If you knew, you would not fail these men—you would, I know, give that extra garment to your congregational committee, for forwarding to the nearest LWR warehouse.

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A Message From Kokoma

Dear Editor:

Thought you might like information about what Brotherhoods are doing. For the past several years we have used topics from Lutheran Men. This year we planned differently. Have my men interested in Church doctrine. Consequently, the course we are studying. Using Modern Readers edition of Augsburg Confession with Stump's Bible Teaching as a help.

Topics for each month have a series of questions as enclosed for discussion. Try to make meetings sound and practical.

Very truly yours,
St. Johns Lutheran Men, Kokoma, Ind.
Otto H. Friedman, pastor

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Dear Member:

Enclosed is a copy of the Augsburg Confession which we are using as a basis for our study during the year. Article I will be the subject for discussion on Friday evening—January 13th. Mr. Rudolph Obermeyer will present the topic. The following questions are listed for your study on the theme:

1—What kind of a Being is God?

2—What are some current conceptions of God?

3—In the creation of man, God said, "Let **us** make man!" To whom does the "us" refer?

4—Would you say that God permits things to happen which He does not desire.

5—Would you say "belief in the Triune God is the dividing line between the right and worng conception of God?"

6—Can a Christian have communion with God, the Father, through other channels except God, the Son and God, the Holy Ghost?

7—Do you think a person will be saved who serves a God (god) after his own imagination above the God Who has revealed Himself in the Bible?

6—Is the Being ((being) whom the pagan Mohammendan worships at his altar the same God Whom the Christian worships?

9—Would you say that true Christian Faith stands or falls on belief in the Triune God?

10—What is your understanding of humanism?

Your Bible and catechism has the answer to most of these questions.

Join with us in an evening of fellowship!

Yours,
Roy Ingle, president

"Lutheran Men" welcomes any suggestions that have proved their workability. Thank you Pastor Friedmann.

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January 18, 1950

Mr. Ralph J. Wohlsen
Box 696
Bridgeport 1, Conn.

Dear President Wohlsen:

For the past ten years the men of the Brotherhoods throughout the United States and Canada have helped to carry on one of the greatest causes the Church has ever adopted. In this time you and others have given to Lutheran World Action $25,000,000 in cash and $11,000,000 worth of used clothing, shoes, medicines and food. We rejoice and thank you for the vision and the leadership of the men of our Lutheran Brotherhoods.

Some of you have learned the great good that has come of your benevolence and stewardship. Go back through the ten years and you will see that through the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council you ministered to men and women in the service of our country through Chaplains and Service Centers. You saved and extended the work of orphaned missions. You helped to sustain and resettle displaced persons. You helped to provide spiritual and material aid to millions of the neediest people in the war-torn countries of Europe, China and Japan. This has strengthened the Brotherhoods of our Church and brought much hope and encouragement to those in need.

This important work is not finished. Let no one grow weary in well doing. As long as there exists such suffering and need in the world; as long as some men treat their fellowmen like beasts and ignore God and our Savior Jesus Christ, as long as God continues to supply our needs, so long will Lutheran World Action call on you and the Brotherhoods of our Lutheran Churches to strengthen and build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Working people, homeless refugees, widows, orphans, business men, deaconesses and pastors have and are still thanking God for the hope and the help you have given them. Please extend this thank you to the officers and men of the Brotherhoods. Ask them to continue their prayers and to back up their pastors in raising LWA goals 100% plus in 1950.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Brown

Frank M. Brown
Director, LWA-ULC

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This letter from Director Brown requires no comment. Every Brotherhood member should read this challenging message and gird themselves for the 1950 LWA Appeal.

Presidential Message

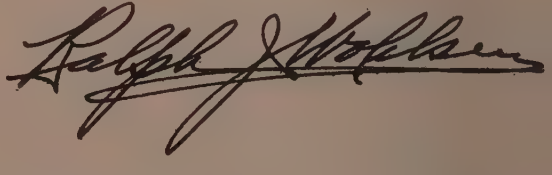
DEAR BROTHERS:

I have never used this space to request funds for the Brotherhood, but we are on the last lap of our effort to liquidate the Deficit. We need less than $2500.00 NOW! If each of you will send $1.00 NOW, we will have that nightmare behind us. Will YOU send your $1.00? Credit will be given to your Synodical Deficit Quota.

Send it to Brotherhood Headquarters, Market & New Sts., Bethlehem, Penna.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,



P.S. Do not forget Lutheran World Action.

The Executive Secretary's
MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

Items of Interest to Brotherhood Members

Lutheran World Action comes to the fore during the month of May. Eac member of the Brotherhood should know by this time, that "L.W.A." is a abbreviation for "Love's Working Arm," which is ministering to the need of a suffering humanity through our inter-Lutheran agency, more familiarl known as **"Lutheran World Action".**

During the past ten years the men of the Brotherhoods throughout th United States and Canada have helped to carry on one of the greate causes the Church has ever adopted. In this time you and others have gi en to Lutheran World Action over $25,000,000. in cash, and $11,000,00 worth of used clothing, shoes, medicines and food.

Be sure to read the challenging message from Rev. Frank M. Brown, D

rector of Lutheran World Action for the ULCA on page 13 of this issue. His letter commends the Brotherhood for their efforts in the past, and asks for a continuance of prayerful support in raising the 1950 goal of $1,546,230.30 —"100% plus".

Lutheran World Action is our ACTION NOW! This has been our slogan for the past decade. Let us revive the old fighting spirit that brought us victory in the "forties" and put L.W.A. over the top in 1950.

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October 1-2-3, 1950 will be the dates for the 17th Biennial Convention of the ULCA Brotherhood to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Convention headquarters will be located in the Montrose Hotel, and the opening convention service on Sunday, October 1st, will be held in First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, the Rev. H. G. Schwegler, pastor. The theme of the Convention will be — **"Supporting the Church's Program"** — (a) Worship, (b) Service, (c) Boys' Work, based on Zechariah 4:6- " . . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

We expect this will be the best attended and most profitable convention in our history. The local committee, under the aggresive leadership of Mr. Rodney C. Berger, president of the Iowa Synodical Brotherhood, has been working for months in preparing for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors who will come to Cedar Rapids next fall. The Cedar Rapids housing committee will provide ample accommodations, and a room registration blank will be mailed to each brotherhood by July 1st.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding and possible disappointment, we are repeating the "notice" which has appeared in each issue of LUTHERAN MEN since September 1949.

"This will be a delegated convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The following regulations will govern the election of official Synodical and Congregational delegates:

A. Only those Congregational Brotherhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Convention shall be entitled to send delegates.

B. A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congregational delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Headquarters."

Each Congregational Synodical Brotherhood is urged to elect and send its full quota of delegates. Don't put this off. Act now and send your list of official delegates with the required registration fee of $2.00 to Brother-

hood Headquarters, Market & New Streets, Bethlehem, on or before **September 1, 1950,** which is the closing date for accredited delegates.

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Mr. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is the new Secretary of the ULCA Brotherhood. Mr. Mauney, who is also a member of the Administrative Committee, succeeds Mr. George Burchfield, who was forced to resign because of the changed conditions of his business which prevented him from attending the monthly Committee meetings. Brother Mauney is a past president of the North Carolina Brotherhood and a member of its executive committee. His constructive ideas and sound business experience will be a valuable asset in conducting the affairs of the Brotherhood.

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Pre-Lenten Retreats. The Washington, D.C. District Lutheran Brotherhood Pre-Lenten Retreat was held in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Saturday, February 18, 1950. Seventy-five men from the Brotherhoods of the Maryland Synodical congregations of the U.L.C.A., located in the metropolitan Washington area, attended.

The theme of this Pre-Lenten Retreat centered around the topic for February, 1950, as found in the January issue of LUTHERAN MEN — **"Together We Plan".** Speakers of the day were: Dr. H. F. Kilander, national president of the Augustana Synod Brotherhood, who spoke on "Lutheran Unity from the Layman's Viewpoint"; Rev. Luther M. Schulze, member of the Maryland Synodical Committee on Brotherhood and pastor, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Washington, DC., who brought an inspiring message to the men on "Keepers of the Light"; and Dr. Raymond J. Seegar, Maryland Synodical Director for CHEY who spoke on the timely subject "Go and Teach".

The men of St. Luke's Brotherhood were commended for the fine smorgasbord luncheon served, which added greatly to the spirit of fellowship for the day. Brother Alfred P. Rasch, president of the District Brotherhood was complimented on the excellent planning which made this a very successful day. Every man present made a contribution through group discussions and open forums.

Greetings from the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood were brought by President Fred W. Konemann. The Pre-Lenten Retreat was concluded by a Holy Communion Service under the direction of Rev. Robert E. Lee, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, assisted by Rev. Arnold F. Keller, Jr., Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., and Rev. L. Sparks, Jr., St. Luke's, Silver Spring, Md.

The Norristown Conference Brotherhood of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania sponsored a "Quiet Day" on Saturday, February 18th, at the Emma

Lutheran Church, Souderton, Penna., the Rev. William R. Seaman, pas-
Approximately fifty laymen and pastors attended the morning and af-
noon sessions. The noon luncheon was served in the Emmanuel Church
ectory. The "Quiet Day" theme — **"My Life with Christ in the Church"**
s effectively presented by the following pastors:
Through Holy Baptism", Rev. Walter R. Zimmerman, Augustus Church,
ppe; "Through Confirmation", Rev. Luther F. Schlenker, St. Andrew's
urch, South Perkasie; "Through Confession and Absolution", Rev. Mer-
n L. Shelly, Keller's Church, Tohickon, Pa.; "Through Holy Communion",
v. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., Grace Church, Pottstown, Pa.; "Take Up your
ss Daily", Rev. William C. Roeger, St. James Church, Chalfont, Pa.

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oan and Gift Fund — A report of the South Carolina Synodical Brother-
od Convention held at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia,
., on February 15, carries this item:

"During 1949 emphasis was placed upon increasing the Loan and Gift Fund and with the sanction and assistance of the Synod of South Carolina this fund is now over $36,000.00. This money is to be used for assisting new congregations in the erection of churches through the Synod. The Loan and Gift Fund has aided in the building of one church, the relocation of another, and is now being used in the erection of two new churches. Increasing this fund remains a project of the Brotherhood of South Carolina."

he Loan and Gift Fund idea originated in the North Carolina Synodical
otherhood which has raised in excess of $100,000.00 for this purpose dur-
the past two decades. The Illinois, Virginia and Texas Synodical Broth-
oods are among the other synods that are raising funds for the support
their Home Mission programs. Our congratulations and best wishes go
to all of these Brotherhoods for their praiseworthy efforts in assisting
ir mission congregations.

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Redeemer — Atlanta, Ga. For more than thirty years this brotherhood has
joyed the unique distinction of meeting each week throughout the entire
ar. The success of this brotherhood should be an incentive for other
otherhoods that are looking around for suggestions to improve their pro-
ams. The following item entitled **"Variety Creates Interest"** appeared in
e February, 1950 issue of THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN:

"Next to indifference and lack of interest, static sameness week after week is the greatest impediment in the Brotherhood's growth into a potential 'livewire' organization. Nothing is so permanent as change; this day and age is full of it. Self-evident fundamentals

must abide and stay unchanged, yet unlike the leopard who never changes his spots, your Brotherhood through its Elder, has put variety into its weekly program by adding attractive coloring and appealing interest. The chief contributing factors in the forward progress of our Brotherhood are attributed to the following:

A. Consecrated, capable officers.

B. Active committees.

C. Brief, conscientious devotions at our meetings.

D. Snappy, efficient handling of the business part of the meetings.

E. Proper presentation of the monthly Brotherhood topic.

F. Worthwhile programs: Short talks by speakers who really hav something to say.

G. Sports—bowling.

"Lack of participation in Christian fellowship by the man of business is the chief enemy of the Brotherhood The 'first' objective of our Brotherhood for 1950 is to give forth its best efforts to 'bring back the lapsed members.' The Brotherhood, under the Elder's directions, is girding itself for a mementous task — reactivating its lapsed members during the next six months."

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The bi-monthly letters from President Wohlsen have elicited many en couraging replies. If your congregational Brotherhood is not receivin these letters, you should forward the name and address of your presider to Brotherhood Headquarters immediately. The purpose of these letters i to keep each congregational brotherhood informed about the progress an current aims of the Brotherhood in its plan of cooperation with the ULC Boards and Agencies.

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The Brotherhood is now directing its energies to the program of Paris Evangelism. Letters with detailed instructions have gone out to approxi mately 2,000 men's organizations. Our 1950 goal calls for the Reclaiming o 25,000 Lapsed Members for our congregations and we expect great result The timetable for the Synodical Committees will be coordinated with th Commission on Evangelism effort in each territory.

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The annual meeting of the ULCA Brotherhood Executive Committee wil be held at Brotherhood Headquarters, Bethlehem, Penna., on July 8, 1950.

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The Allentown Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will spon sor a concert of great religious music at St. John's Lutheran Church, Aller town, Pennsylvania, on May 2nd. It is expected that more than 800 musi lovers will attend this Music Festival, which has become an annual even

ring National Music Week. The proceeds from this Music Festival will be plied to the Allentown Conference Brotherhood pledge for the liquida- n of the ULCA Brotherhood deficit

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The payment of the 1950 ULCA per capita membership dues has greatly couraged your officers. As of this date, April 5th, we are considerably ead of last year in the number of paying Brotherhoods as well as the al amount of ULCA dues. If you have overlooked this matter, we would pectfully ask that you approve the payment of your dues and forward ne to our synodical or conference treasurer. He will appreciate your operation in making it unnecessary for him to send you a Second Notice.

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Synodical Conventions always mean busy months ahead.

The following is a partial list of the Brotherhood meetings scheduled for ril and May:

ril 16 Wisconsin Conference (Northwest Synod) Brotherhood Convention, St. John's Church, Oskosh, Wis.

20 Norristown Conference (Ministerium of Pennsylvania) Brotherhood Convention, St. Paul's Church, Telford, Penna.

22-23 Texas Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Grace Church, Houston, Texas.

25 Allentown Conference (Ministerium of Pennsylvania) Brotherhood Convention, Zion-Lehigh, Alburtis, Pa.

30 New England Conference (New York Synod) Emmanuel Church, Naugatuck, Conn.

ay 3 Lancaster Conference (Ministerium of Pennsylvania) Brotherhood Convention, Christ Church, Elizabethtown, Penna.

6 Western Conference (New York Synod) Convention, Grace Church, Rochester, N.Y.

6-7 Florida Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Camp Emanuel, Groveland, Fla.

7 Michigan Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Trinity Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.

17 Northwest Synodical Brotherhood Convention, St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

20 Maryland Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Church of the Abiding Presence, Gettysburg, Penna.

20 New York Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Grace-St. Paul's, New York, N.Y.

24 Illinois Synodical Brotherhood banquet, St. Mark's, Washington, Ill.

24 Central Pennyslvania Synodical Brotherhood banquet,.. Altoona, Penna.

28 Kansas Synodical Brotherhood Convention, Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Junction City, Kansas.

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1950 Topic Cards for the use of the Congregational Brotherhoods in list ing their monthly Topic Leaders and assistants are provided free of charg by Brotherhood Headquarters. We have approximately 500 Topic Cards o hand, and five cards will be cheerfully mailed to your brotherhood upo request to this office. "First come—first served" will be the rule until th supply is exhausted.

The Brotherhood In Action . . . .

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Energize–

(5.) Promote Christian Fellowship—locally, nationally and internationally

The Apostolic Church valued their Christian Fellowship. In the midst of a hostile world the Christians were drawn together by their common love for Christ. Being drawn together by a common interest and aim, their comradeship was a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Their hardships and sufferings became more bearable after being strengthened and encouraged by the assembling of kindred hearts in a common purpose.

The highest type of Christian fellowship is found in the worship of Christ. The hidden fellowship with the Lord is the foundation of all real Christian fellowship. The nearer we get to Jesus the closer we are drawn to those for whom He died. Friendships are created and cemented by common interests. To foster Christia fellowship the Brotherhood must firs encourage the worship of Goc Whatever else is said it is unalte ably true that sincere worship Christians together is the fine form of fellowship.

This fifth objective also suggest the desirability of fostering Chris tian fellowship by sociability Brotherhood meetings. Man is a so cial creature. He wants the feelin of belonging to a group. If he doe not find good company in th church he may drift into undesi able fellowships elsewhere. Th Brotherhood can meet this instinc tive longing for friendships by a fording opportunity for real Chris tian fellowshipping in a social wa

Men's groups should find it pos ible to use a few of these sugge tions:

1. Have some good spirited sing ing. When a man joins his voic

th others in song he has a sense belonging to the group.

2. Entertain or visit neighboring otherhoods.

3. Recognize new members when ceived into the congregations and otherhood.

4. Let the Brotherhood show appeciation for services given by the otherhood Officers, Church Coun-l, Sunday School staff, choirs, etc. could be one by giving a covered sh luncheon, program of entertainent, pointing out in addresses the eaning of time and effort expend-l, etc.

5. Outdoor meetings, picnics, pilimages to church institutions.

6. Give Home Talent Performans, debates, motion pictures.

7. An hour of games after the eeting, such as darts, shuffleboard, ble tennis, etc.

8. Refreshments always promote llowship.

9. Father & Son programs, birthday functions, etc.

10. Members who had an interesting vacation trip could relate their experiences, show pictures taken, etc.

12. Entertain the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Luther League, Youth Groups, etc.

13. Engage in some cooperative project. Working together is a very desirable form of Christian fellowship. Perhaps the church or parsonage needs repairs, painting, landscaping, etc. An unfortunate family may need help.

14. Do things for others, at home and abroad. Support missionary endeavors. Promote Lutheran World Action. Adopt a refugee family. Provide a scholarship for a foreign student.

15. Put on an international program. Invite foreign students from a nearby college or recent immigrants as your guests.

LUTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director

Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

edar Rapids

ill be the location of the next biinial convention of the Brotherood and the dates are October 1, 3, 1950.

As customary we will have a disctive Scout Program at the conention. At the Allentown Convention in October, 1948 President Franklin Clark Fry personally presented the Pro Deo et Patria Award to twenty eight Scouts. This was a memorable occasion and we are hoping that it may be repeated so that Scouts in the great middle west may have the same opportunity as

the Eastern Scouts enjoyed. If you have any hope of sharing in this program, do not delay your preparation. The time will soon be here. If you are now working on the requirements you have a good chance to complete them in time. If you have not yet started and wish to try, get your application blank from Headquarters in Bethlehem at once and send it to the Lutheran Committee on Scouting in Minneapolis as directed. You may be able to be in line for October if you act at once. It is worth trying.

With Jesus
On The Scout Trail

is the title of a booklet just published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tennessee. It has twelve chapters with separate divisions for each day of the week, based on the Scout Laws and showing how Jesus fulfilled each on The book is an excellent devotion guide for young people, especiall Scouts who are working on the r quirements of the Pro Deo et Patr Award. This is the first booklet its kind produced for Boy Scouts Protestant faiths and is endorsed b the Boy Scouts of America. The pri is 25 cents.

Scout Pilgrimage

Mr. J. Walter Koch, Director Scouting for the Ministerium Pennsylvania Brotherhood, has a nounced that the Sixth Annual Pi grimage to Muhlenberg College wi be held on Saturday, October 1950. The Ministerium Scouts wi again be the guests of the Colleg which provides special entertai ment and free passes to the footba game between Muhlenberg and L banon Valley Colleges.

"PRO DEO ET PATRIA"

This picture was taken in the chancel of Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. From left to right, the pastor, Rev. Paul Luther Wetzler, D.D.; Lester Thompson, presented with a key by the Boy Scouts of America, for his excellent work with the boys; Don Thompson holding a typewritten book telling the lives of Father Heyer and David A. Day; Harlow Olson, holding a model of the church altar built to scale; John Shoden, holding another model of the same altar; W. W. Beals, scoutmaster, holding a Bible presented to him by the church council in recognition of his work; Ralph Erickson, student assistant to the pastor. The record of this church in "Pro Deo et Patria" awards is a symptom of its live program. These three boys represent the largest group from any church to receive the awards in Minneapolis this year.

utheran Men In Bible Study Classes . . .

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Men – Evangelists

The first evangelists were men. hat is true whether one means the postles as they went about preach-ng and teaching, or the four bio-raphers of Jesus—Matthew, Mark, uke and John. In both cases the essage was effective.

Is there any reason why men hould not be evangelists today? vangelism is the presentation of the ood news of Jesus Christ with a iew to men's acceptance of it by iving themselves to him. With all onor to the good women, whose hristian work so often outdoes that f men, it remains true that the in-uence of men in direct religious ork has been greater than that of omen. And even in these days of elative equality a man's expression f faith, in word and act, is a more ersuasive influence. Are we mak-ng the most of this meaningful fact?

Personal Interviews

All preaching and teaching of the hristian message is evangelism. It as at times assumed fantastic forms —even to the detriment of Christian nfluence .But a large and important ork is today being done by per-o n a l interviews, accomplished hrough visitation. Men in practical-y every congregation can multiply heir Christian influence by doing uch work—putting in several even-ngs a month. They can not only prove a blessing to other people, but grow in Christian maturity themselves.

Influence for the Christian way may be exerted also by various forms of conversation. All conversation ought to be in line with one's profession. If we keep it on that plane, and it is an honest expression, it will not fail.

Personal Example

One's whole mode of living affects other people. Regular attendance at worship has its effect. So does a person's reverence for other individuals, fidelity to conscience, willingness to perform worthy services, giving of time to help other people, and sticking to Christian work despite discouragements and set-backs. No one can adequately estimate the influence of kind or merciful acts; they may speak more eloquently than many words.

The Brotherhood may many times prove the medium through which one's friendliness may be made to count heavily for Christ. Non-members of the Brotherhood may be invited by one or more members, but all may have a part in helping newcomers to be at ease and enjoy the fellowship. If an outside man can be brought to enjoy a program, feel at home with the members, and get some benefit from the meeting, progress has been made.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH .

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Topic for June , 1950

Lutheran Men Working Together

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Mr. Holstad, a layman, born in 1871 in Norway, came to Chicago with his parents in 1880. He was confirmed in Bethlehem Church, of the former Norwegian-Danish Conference, now the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He moved to Minneapolis in 1902 and has been active in various official capacities in his own congregation and church body, as well as in many inter-synodical organizations. He is a charter member of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America; is the Extension Vice-President of the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society, with offices in Minneapolis; and serves as National Lutheran Scout Director and General Secretary of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

AIM: To acquaint Brotherhood members with the history and work of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

Worship

HYMN, "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now," No. 419 C.S.B., or No. 314 P.S.H.
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19
PRAYER: Collects No. 39 and No. 45 C.S.B.
SPECIAL MUSIC
HYMN, "Zion Stand with Hills Surrounded"— No. 200 C.S.B., or No. 133 P.S.H.

The Topic

The American Federation of Luth eran Brotherhoods was incorporated i Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 5 1927, to "undertake and carry on such specific tasks as may be authorized by the General Brotherhoods in fields where joint activity may be desirable and feasible."

The present form of organization de veloped from the Lutheran Brother hood of America, established in De Moines, Iowa, September 13, 1917, a an emergency inter-synodical Lutheran war service agency.

Early Beginnings

What about the Lutheran Brother hood of America? How did it come into existence? What did it do? Why was it dissolved?

The Lutheran Brotherhood of Amer ica had its inception in the emergency brought on by the first world war. On September 13, 1917, seven Lutheran men met in the Central Y.M.C.A., De Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of dis cussing ways and means of rendering religious service to the Lutheran boys who had been enrolled in the army and were quartered at Camp Dodge 13 miles from the city.

The authorities in Washington ha been asked if there was any possibilit

the Lutheran Church being permit-
l to erect a religious center within
e cantonment. The reply was that the
igious interests in the camp would
ve to be taken care of by recognized
neral activities, such as the YMCA
d the Knights of Columbus. The
airman of the meeting offered the
ggestion: "Let us apply in the name
the Lutheran Brotherhood of Amer-
."

A petition was prepared and sub-
tted to Major M. A. Butler, Q.M.
S.R., Camp Dodge, reading in part:
he Lutheran Brotherhood of Amer-
asks the privilege of erecting a
ilding in Camp Dodge where the
n of our church may find the litera-
e with which they are familiar in
ir own homes, and meet socially
se of their own faith and consult
h their pastors. We propose to place
our building conveniences such as
ding room, social room, resting room,
wing room, and assembly room. We
lieve that we can in this way cheer
d encourage our young men in pre-
ring themselves for the defense of our
untry and the extension of American
eals. We would like a plot of ground
at will enable us to build a structure
out 60x140 feet."

Major General Plummer, the com-
nding officer at Camp Dodge, grant-
the petition September 21. The site
the new building was selected the
ne day, and the contractor ordered
proceed with the work.

Less than two months from the date
its organization, or on November 9,
17, the Brotherhood was able to hold
e first Sunday service in the new
building. At this initial service eleven
different synods were represented on
the program.

God most wonderfully directed and
prospered the work of the men who
planned, financed, erected, and equip-
ped the Lutheran Brotherhood Build-
ing. It was located right on the main
street, near the post office and hostess
house. The building, of frame construc-
tion, was two stories high, with a brick
basement, containing, in addition to a
large assembly room, a reading room,
a number of other rooms with a small
separate room for officers (to comply
with army regulations), and a one story
addition in the rear for the four camp
pastors. It was one of the best construct-
ed, largest, and most prominently lo-
cated buildings in Camp Dodge. But
how was it to be occupied and used?

The answer was provided by the
National Lutheran Commission for
Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. As
chairman of the Commission, Dr. F. H.
Knubel reported to the annual meeting
held October 16, 1918:

"On October 19, 1917, six months
after our nation had entered the war,
the Lutheran Church accomplished
what no other Protestant group has
done, an effective cooperation in its war
service, under the name of the National
Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and
Sailors' Welfare. Seven general bodies
were represented at the meeting. Now
twelve such bodies are fully co-operat-
ing. In addition, the Synodical Confer-
ence maintains at least an external co-
operation through agreements adopted.
Agreements also definitely relate the
activity of the Lutheran Brotherhood to

that of the Commission."

The Commission and the Brotherhood

In his report to the 1919 Convention of the L.B.A., held in Chicago, November 5-6, 1919, President J. A. O. Stub said: "The Lutheran Brotherhood of America worked in harmony and understanding with the Commission. The agreement adopted by the Brotherhood with the Lutheran Commission gives the explanation of their relationship."

The agreement referred to by Dr. Stub reads in part:

"1. The Commission represents the church officially. Every general Lutheran body is represented, and it therefore holds authority for them all. It will coordinate, supervise, and support all work undertaken for the welfare of our men with the colors. It will advise with the Brotherhood as to the erection of Brotherhood buildings and co-operate with the Brotherhood to make these buildings the centers of spiritual and moral activities for the welfare of our boys.

"2. The Brotherhood will endeavor, as far as possible, to erect, equip, and maintain buildings within such camps as may be recommended by the Commission.

"The Brotherhood will appoint no chaplains; this will be done by the Commission, but the Brotherhood will offer these men the use of its buildings.

"In accordance with the arrangement already entered into, the sum of one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars of the seven hundred fifty thousand ($750,000) dollar fund now being raised, or a like percentage of whatever amount may be raised, shall be sent to the treasurer of the Brotherhood.

"Any funds received by the Brotherhood from the Commission not expended at the conclusion of the war shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commission." Note: The $750,000 fund was over-subscribed. A total of more than $1,300,000 was contributed.

The Brotherhood erected buildings or provided rented quarters for the Commission in eighteen (18) military camps, or in nearby cities; also centers in fourteen (14) of our colleges for the Student Army Training Corps. The total expenditures by the Brotherhood, as reported by Mr. A. O. Hauge, treasurer ,amounted to $360,046.71.

The First Decade

The Lutheran Brotherhood of America held Biennial Conventions in the following cities: 1919, Chicago, Illinois; 1922, Toledo, Ohio; 1923, Madison, Wisconsin; 1925, Minneapolis, Minnesota; 1927, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the convention in Minneapolis, Dr. E. A. Granville, who had been elected president to succeed Dr. Stub, was asked to select a committee representing all the synods for the purpose of revising the constitution and by-laws so that the organization could be constituted *along purely synodical lines.* Objections of various kinds had been raised" against the form of organization of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America."

At the Milwaukee convention, in 1927, the revised constitution of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods was adopted, and the Luth-

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eran Brotherhood of America was dissolved.

The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods

How is the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods related to the affiliated synodical brotherhoods? The Federation consists of the general Brotherhoods established in and by the general Lutheran bodies in America, which apply for membership. A congregational, circuit, district, conference, synodical, regional, or other unit Brotherhood within a general Lutheran body which has no organized general Brotherhood affiliated with the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods may also be received as a member, provided the general body to which it belongs has not taken action contrary to such membership.

The purposes and objectives of this organization, functioning primarily through the general Brotherhoods of the general Lutheran bodies in America, are officially stated as follows:

Section 1. To promote the advancement, welfare, and efficiency of the Lutheran Church in America through the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of the men and boys of the church.

Seciton 2. To help instill into the minds and hearts of the men of the church the highest type of Christian citizenship.

Section 3. To cultivate faithfulness and loyalty to the home congregation and to the general Lutheran body of which that congregation is a part.

Section 4. To impress upon the men of the Lutheran Church the obliga-

tions of Christian stewardship and t
inspire them to assume larger respon
sibilities in the congregations and gen
eral bodies to which they belong.

Section 5. To undertake and carr
on such specific tasks as may be au
thorized by the general Brotherhood
affiliated with the Federation, in field
where co-ordination and joint activit
may be desirable and feasible.

Section 6. To cultivate greater un
derstanding among the men of the va
ious Lutheran bodies in America.

Accomplishments

Early in its history the Federation d
cided to "foster a comprehensive pr
gram of boy's work." In 1935 a Luth
eran Committee on Scouting was a
pointed, and in 1943 the committe
was authorized to add or suppl
ment its membership with official
unofficial representatives of other Luth
eran organizations interested in pr
moting Scouting in the Luther
Church.

At present the committee consists
forty men in the United States an
Canada, official or unofficial represe
tatives from the American Luther
Church, Augustana Lutheran Churc
Evangelical Lutheran Church, (for
erly Norwegian Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Syno
Lutheran Free Church, Suomi Sync
United Evangelical (Danish) Luth
an Church, and the United Luther
Church in America. The committ
serves in an advisory capacity to t
National Council, Boy Scouts
America, in all matters related
Scouting in the Lutheran Churc
Three editions of the manual, "Sco

in the Lutheran Church", and
n one to five printings of various
criptive folders have been published.
Nearly four thousand Lutheran Boy
outs are already enrolled as candi-
es for the Pro Deo et Patria Award.
is award, consisting of a citation and
dal, is granted by the church to
theran Scouts who comply with cer-
n requirements and are recommend-
by the Scout officials and pastors.
e number of Scout units related to
theran churches has increased four-
d. Pastors and Brotherhood men in
ery church body are making use of
outing as a part of the total program
the congregation to develop edu-
ed and consecrated leaders for the
urch of tomorrow.

Editorial Committee for Uniform Brotherhood Topics

Since 1945 topics for monthly Broth-
nood meetings have been prepared
d jointly published by the Editorial
ommittee for Uniform Topics. The
rk of the committee has met with
neral approval and has been a ma-
ial aid in helping the men of the
urch to become better informed
out the church's work. Monthly
etings have been largely transformed
m luncheon meetings, with perhaps
address on an unrelated subject, to
e church meetings where plans are
refully laid for services in the king-
m of God.

At the Milwaukee Convention the
ditorial Committee submitted a report
n ten Uniform Brotherhood Objec-
ves, under three captions: Evangelize,
ducate, Energize. The ten objectives
oposed were approved by the conven-
tion and recommended to the synodi-
cal Brotherhoods for adoption. The ob-
jectives have now been officially adopt-
ed and incorporated into the constitu-
tion and by-laws of all affiliated Broth-
erhoods.

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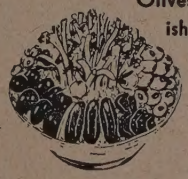

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The Federation and Lutheran Unity

In an article on "Future of the Federation," published in "Lutheran Men in War and Peace," Dr. P. O. Bersell wrote:

"The Federation has done as much as any other agency or auxiliary to promote the interests of Lutheran unity, and it still has a very important part to play. The periodic getting-together of leaders from among the men of the various Lutheran bodies will continue to be a great inspirational factor. The exchange of ideas, the formation of friendships, and the strengthening of the fraternal spirit, will result in a fine fruitage for our church. We have only begun to discover one another as real brothers in faith and love.

"The A.F.L.B. does not seek its own greatness. Church statesmen are not interested in the development of auxiliaries for their own sake. Their real value is measured in the terms of their contribution to the church, to the kingdom program.

"I look forward to the day when our 'old men shall dream dreams and our young men shall see visions,' even the vision of an American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods that shall encompass the manhood of the Lutheran Church in America, girded for action for God and His church."

Questions for Discussion

1. What is the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods?

2. Why do you consider it a worthwhile organization?

3. What has it accomplished throughout its history?

4. How does the A.F.L.B. affect o
local Brotherhood?

5. What can we do to support th
A.F.L.B.? (A representative from you
Brotherhood could and should be sen
to the next meeting of the America
Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

Closing Worship

HYMN, "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"—
No. 431 C.S.B., or No. 317 P.S.H.
PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer
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We Think of Students

Project for July Meeting

1. Invite to your July meeting seve
al students from your congregation,
from a neighboring congregation, wh
have been served by the Lutheran St
dent Service. Have them tell the Brot
erhood what they know of the Luthe
an Student Service.

2. If possible get a representative
the Lutheran Student Service to pr
sent a short talk on the work. This ma
be a pastor or a counselor who is e
gaged in that line of work.

3. Invite the pastor and some st
dents from a neighboring college or un
versity to tell about the ministry of th
church on their campus (if you are l
cated close to a major college or un
versity). The name of the pastor ser
ing students may be secured from th
Division of Student Service of the N
tional Lutheran Council.

4. Secure from the Division of St
dent Service a film or film strip sho
ing the work of the Division. A film
the work in California is now availabl
A film strip is in preparation.

alem Lutheran Church

f Minneapolis, Minnesota, is 60 ears old and celebrating. The pas- or, Rev. Paul Luther Wetzler, D.D., pictured with some of his Boy couts on another page. Under his ong pastorate a great congregation as been built. Over 1000 attended is mid-week Lenten services this ear. A unique feature of his cele- ration was 100 services held in as any homes of the congregation. A turgy was prepared for us in these omes where the families of that eighborhood gathered. It was timed prepare for a 30 minute radio pro- ram conducted by the pastor over EYD. After the 15 minute prepara- on, the radio service was tuned in. t the close a fellowship followed. he technique devised for this cele- ration has possibilities for other oc- asions. Dr. Wetzler has no patent n the idea. "Imitation is the highest rm of flattery."

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Vashington, D.C.

as a live Lutheran luncheon club. meets the first Thursday of each onth. Recent elections resulted in he following new officers: Presi- ent Alfred P. Rasch; Vice-president liff Sandahl; Treasurer, John W. oehne; Secretary, Martin A. Mc- rory. This is the eighth successive ear that Mac has held this office. or 1950 the club is making a drive or 500 members. A recent speaker as President Clarence C. Stoughton f Wittenberg College. Fellowship cross synodical lines in such clubs an important contribution to the ause of Lutheran unity.

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